

PORTSMOUTH LOCAL AND ADVERTISEMENTS CONTINUED—BERKLEY NEWS.

Merry Xmas AND A Happy New Year!

In wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we also desire to express our sincere appreciation for the very liberal patronage bestowed upon us during past week. Our efforts to supply you with the Best at the Lowest Prices met with your undoubted favor, and we thank you, kind people of Portsmouth, for this manifestation of your confidence, and shall always strive to deserve it.

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IN GOD'S HOLY TEMPLE.

Where and By Whom Divine Services Will Be Conducted To-Day.

Park View M. E. Church, Rev. J. N. Latham, pastor—Sunday school at 9:15 a. m., S. C. Browne, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Trinity P. E. Church, corner High and Court streets—Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday; and special services at 11 a. m. Christmas day. Holy Communion on Christmas day at 8 a. m. Rev. Arthur C. Thomson, rector. All seats free.

All Saints Church, Park View—Evening prayer and sermon at 4:30 p. m. Sunday by Rev. Arthur C. Thomson.

Central M. E. Church, South, Rev. R. F. Beadles, pastor—Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Christmas Message." Evening subject, "A Woman's Sacrifice." (second in a series to young ladies).

Central Mission, Rev. D. B. Austin, pastor—Sunday school at 3 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Wright Memorial M. E. Church, Rev. Geo. E. Booker, pastor—Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. John P. Cuthrell, of Randolph-Macon College, and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Evening subject, "Angels in the Air." Special music will be rendered at both services.

Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Samuel Saunders, pastor—Services to-day will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., E. P. Rodman, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

South Street Baptist Church, Rev. J. W. Mitchell, pastor—Services to-day as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "God's Wonderful Gift." Evening, "The Wonderful Savior." Special music by the choir. A male quartette will sing at the evening service. A cordial welcome to all.

St. Paul's Catholic Church (King street, near Dinwiddie), Rev. T. J. Brady, pastor; Rev. Wm. B. Hanley, assistant pastor—First mass at 7 a. m. Children's mass at 9 a. m. High mass at 10:30 a. m. Vespers and benediction at 7:30 p. m.

The First Presbyterian Church, corner Court and King streets, Rev. R. B. Eggleston, pastor—Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. R. S. Eskridge, of Richmond. Cordial invitation to all.

The Tait Memorial Presbyterian Church, North Portsmouth (Pinner's Point)—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. At this place of worship there will be no preaching.

Court Street Baptist Church, Rev. R. B. Garrett, pastor—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

Monumental M. E. Church, Rev. E. H. Rawlings, pastor—Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening subject, "The Young Man in Business," the second in a series of special sermons to young men. On Christmas morning, at 7:00 o'clock, a sunrise consecration service will be held in the lecture-room, to which all are most cordially invited.

Owens Memorial M. E. Church, South, Rev. R. T. Waterfield, pastor—Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Prince of Peace." and at 7:30 p. m., subject, "Good Tidings of Great Joy."

Park View Baptist Church, corner Patton and Anne streets, Rev. W. P. Hines, pastor—Bible school 9:30 a. m., J. M. Corbett, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. Ray Staples.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Surgeon H. T. Percy to duty at Norfolk navy-yard; Commander H. N. Stevenson, to additional duty at the Union Iron Works; Surgeon H. E. Ames, from the Norfolk navy-yard home to await orders; Lieutenant J. L. Latimer, to engineering duty on the Dixie; Lieutenant Commander W. B. Caperton, to the Washington navy-yard.

These changes have taken place on the Asiatic station, as reported by cable: Lieutenant B. C. Sampson and Surgeon O. D. Norton, detached from the Solace to the Monomack; Lieutenant W. H. McGarran, Solace to Oregon; Lieutenant R. F. Lopez, Solace to Helena; Ensign O. D. Duncan, Solace to Culgoon; Lieutenant A. M. Proctor, Solace to Castine; Assistant Paymaster E. P. Sackett, Solace to Castine; Lieutenant Commander W. C. Cowles, Solace to Petrel; Ensign H. B. Perrill, Solace to Wheeling; Lieutenant Commander C. S. Richmond, Solace to Petrel; Lieutenant H. G. Leopold, Solace to Adams; Solace to Baltimore as executive.

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City Redemption Bonds

For Sale.

Office of the City Clerk, Council Chamber, Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 13, 1899.

The City of Portsmouth offers for sale \$140,000 of its redemption bonds, payable in 20 years from January 1st, 1900, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, in January and July. These bonds are denominated of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, are exempt from city taxes and can be registered, principal and interest, at principal only, at the option of the holder.

Sealed proposals addressed to E. Thompson, Jr., City Clerk, will be received until 12 o'clock, 5 o'clock p. m., for the purchase of these bonds, the city reserving the right to reject any or all the bids.

Communications other than proposals should be addressed to J. W. BROWN, Jr., Chairman Finance Committee.

TWO YOUNG MEN FIGHT.

Two well-known young men of South Portsmouth, had a slight misunderstanding last night, which was settled by a personal encounter. The fight was said to have been a hard-fought one, and was all over and the principals out of the way before the policeman on beat put in his appearance. The cause of the rumour could not be learned, the friends of both parties declining to talk.

ACCIDENTS AT YARD.

Yesterday a colored man, while at work in the yard, was struck on the head by a piece of timber falling on him.

A white man, a tool dresser, fell in the dock and injured himself about the head. Both of the men had their wounds dressed at the dispensary and were afterwards sent home.

A VANDERBILT IN BLACK SKIN

The Richest Negro in the Whole
Civilized World.

POWER IN GUATEMALA

Don Juan Knight has an income of Half a Million Annually—Proud of His Rise from a Slave Boy to Wealth and Power—Visits to the United States—His Peculiarities.

(New York Press.)

"Whenever my glance falls upon those tricks," said the importer of rare woods, surveying a pile of mahogany logs carefully shedded in his yard, which faces the East river, "I am reminded of their shipper, a man who is sending more mahogany to market just now than any other man in the world, and whose history reads like a romance or a page out of the Arabian Nights. His name is Don Juan Knight, of Guatemala City, Guatemala, and he is virtually the financial ruler of the Central American states. His wealth is estimated popularly at anything from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Every cent of this money was earned by this man, and the remarkable part of the whole thing is that Don Juan Knight, who is Spanish for plain John Knight, is a negro and was born in slavery in Alabama.

"There is no one in all Guatemala who does not know the name of Knight, and all the financial and commercial interests in Central America recognize his power and court his friendship. He is about five feet eleven, weighs perhaps 175 pounds, and has so light a complexion that he would be taken for a dark Central American only for his hair, which is inclined to kink. He speaks Spanish and English fluently, is thoroughly conversant with the news of the world, and continues to take great pride in American history. His characteristics are energy and force, even to this late day in life, and despite his enormous accumulations, he has scores of schemes for increasing his riches many times over before he retires permanently from the money-making business.

HALF MILLION INCOME.

"Don Juan's annual income cannot be less than \$500,000 at the present day, and of this he spends more than \$150,000, for his is a large family, and the negro loves to live in royal style. Besides, he gives liberally to various charities. His tremendous fortune is derived from great coffee plantations, immense tracts of mahogany forests, gold mines, an expensive banana plantation, and investments in wharf, steamboat, and banking stocks. But not content with this, Knight is perpetually engineering some great financial project which adds to his capital.

"His handsome residence near Guatemala City is one of the places which visitors come from all parts of the country to see. It is three miles west of the suburbs of the queer, straggling old town, and is a sprawling two-story house, with something like thirty-five large rooms. The rich Central American, I discovered while on a recent trip, bankers for the largest rooms it is possible to get in the New World. The drawing room of the Knight mansion is about ninety feet square, and the other rooms are in proportion. Costly furniture of rare designs is stowed in the house from top to bottom. The sofas are of mahogany and satin, there are grand pianos and magnificent mirrors galore from Paris, and velvet carpets from New York. The rooms were decorated by a set of artists from the United States who were half a year at their work. The dining room represents the expenditure of what many men would consider a fortune. It is finished throughout in polished mahogany and plate glass mirrors; the floor is a mosaic of the rarest hard wood which the replete forests of Central America afford. Such another elaborate floor is not to be found in the New World. The ground about the mansion, about three acres in extent, are embellished with beautiful and perfect copies in marble of statuary from France and Italy, and an artistic tangle of paths, clump of shrubbery, beds of brilliant flowering plants, artificial grottoes and singular designs in lawns and vines.

"Out in the mountains Knight has another estate of 5,000 acres, where the coffee flourishes. The entire property is under cultivation, and the finest orchards in the country are seen. There are also acres of roses, lilies in rows half mile long, and fine winding roads among the coffee, banana and pineapple fields. Buildings for the laborers' families and fruit harvesting and packing houses and coffee curing plants have been erected on this estate at a cost of \$150,000. There are seven children in John Knight's family, and all were educated in the United States.

Two of his boys recently completed a course of studies at a military academy in Mississippi, while one of his daughters is a portrait painter in Boston. Once every two years Knight and his wife take a trip to New Orleans. They have been to Europe two or three times and frequently send their children abroad.

HE HAD KIND OWNERS.

"Knight, who is proud of his rise from a slave boy to great wealth and com-

mercial power, told me the story of his life, and in some particulars it seems almost beyond belief. He never knew his father, because the latter was sold in a lot of slaves who went to Georgia a few months before John was born. His mother was a mulatto, who became a grower, Daniel Upton, and who lived at Danville, Ala. Upton was a scholar, kindly disposed man, so Knight said, who treated his slaves well, and his wife, who had been a school teacher, believed it was her duty to guide and protect the black people on her husband's plantation. Mrs. Upton had a brother, John S. Knight, after whom she named the little black boy when he was born in an outbuilding one spring day in 1845. The child was unusually bright, and Mrs. Upton discovered that he took an absorbing interest in the instructions given her children. In the bright weather, when children and teacher sat on the piazza of the house, John would take up a station near by and listen to all that was said. His apparent zeal for education appealed to Mrs. Upton, who determined to give the little slave boy sufficient lessons to get him started on the road to independent studies. Eventually Mr. Upton became interested in John's education and helped him along.

"When old enough, Knight worked in the field with his mother and the other slaves, but he had special privileges in the evening and while other slaves did chores around the place he was allowed to study. When about sixteen years old young Knight was the most promising negro in Talapoosa county. Mr. Upton died at that time, and the executor's sale at the Upton plantation in 1860 Knight was auctioned off to Hannibal N. Judson, of the adjacent county of Chambers for \$1,000, which was rather a stiff price for a negro at that time. But slave boys who read and figured were at a premium. Knight went with his new master to a cotton plantation in Central America. Next spring the war broke out, and Mr. Judson entered the Confederate army. Knight was then made an overseer of part of the plantation, and for four years superintended the gathering of the cotton and its shipment to New Orleans. When his master returned from the war Knight declared his freedom and walked to New Orleans, where he secured work as a khart laborer for a firm who handled fruits from Central America. He saved his money, and one day in June, 1866 he was sent by his employers to Yucatan to superintend the packing and shipping of fruits to New Orleans, for which he received \$25 per week.

BEGINNING OF HIS SUCCESS.

"From that time dates the fortune of Don Juan Knight. He lived in Yucatan one year, working hard all the time, saved every penny he could, and conceived an ambition to be a shipper on his own account. He learned of the immense tracts of fertile land adapted to fruits south of San Cristobal, Guatemala, and located there an energetic person was something new, only unique, but weird, in those days in that region of sloths and tropical sunshine. A revolution in which Ramon Sanchez was deposed from the presidency was just closing, and Knight realized there was an excellent opportunity to ingratiate himself in the favor of the new administration. He proposed, in return for a concession of 50,000 acres of land suitable for pineapple and banana growing, to go to New Orleans and get the wholesale fruit dealers, who controlled the Southern markets about thirty years ago, to agree to buy \$2,000,000 a year of fruit from Guatemala plantations. The government accepted his proposition, and within three months Knight had put his deal through. This was the beginning of a trade which eventually became worth several million dollars annually.

This first success opened Knight's eyes to other possibilities and opportunities. He subsequently obtained other valuable concessions from the Guatemalan government when he demonstrated the profit there was in growing fruit for the markets of the United States. The shipping business to New York, New Orleans, and San Francisco grew tremendously enlarged. By 1872 Knight was the largest employer of labor in Northern Guatemala. White men had often despaired of getting work out of the lazy, improvident and careless natives of the rural districts of the state, but Knight's experience among them stood him in excellent stead.

"Don Juan was rich and something more than thirty years of age when he married a young native woman, a marriage which was a great help to his fortunes. About twenty years ago he persuaded capitalists in New York and Boston to embark extensively in coffee growing in Guatemala, and invested at the time \$150,000 of his own money. Advancing the revolution, he made to him by the government for his successful efforts in bringing capital into the country. For many years coffee growing proved marvelously remunerative, and at one time the annual shipments of the bean from the Knight plantations were the largest from any private estate in Central America.

VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES.

"Some years ago Knight came here and also visited Philadelphia and Baltimore, where he contracted to furnish so many tens of thousands of feet of mahogany annually for ten years. Then he returned and bought up great tracts of mahogany trees in Nicaragua and Guatemala. At one time, and he is to-day, for all I know, the largest dealer in mahogany logs in the world. His was a Midas touch. Everything which fell into his hands resolved itself into gold. He was the bosom friend of President Rufino Barrios, who was killed in battle in April 1885. In the course of one of those charming little revolutions which are so fond of getting up when the time hangs heavily on their hands. Had Barrios succeeded in uniting the Central American republics then, as he contemplated, it would have more than doubled Knight's property and increased his influence in Central America. With Barrios, Knight formed the syndicate which built the first telegraph lines in Guatemala, and he invested his capital and induced American coffee planters down there to construct a railroad connecting the Gulf of Mexico with Guatemala City.

BERKLEY NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Trains Crowded With the Holiday
Excursionists.

Mr. Osmundson Dead—New Bridges

Built—King's Daughters Enabled to Give to the Needy—Persons in Plenty.

The Norfolk and Southern south-bound passenger trains, both evening and morning, were taxed to their utmost capacity yesterday to convey the large number of travelers which this season brings on. Additional coaches were made necessary and then standing room was at a premium. The north-bound train was an hour and a half late yesterday afternoon on account of making connection with the steamer at Edenton, which was detained by the fog on the sound and rivers of North Carolina. Captain J. J. Addy, the conductor, stated that the travel over the road yesterday was the heaviest he had ever seen.

MR. OSMUNDSON DEAD.

Mr. Thomas Osmundson, a well-known and highly respected citizen of the county, died Friday night at 12 m. at his home, near Fortress, in the 63rd year of his age. He leaves a wife and several sons and daughters. His remains will be forwarded to Minnesota via the Bay Line to-day for burial.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS MADE.

Mr. J. A. Barron, supervisor of bridges and buildings on the Norfolk and Southern railroad, arrived in town yesterday from Mackay's Ferry, N. C., where he has just completed two iron transfer bridges on the Norfolk and Southern railroad at an approximate cost of \$10,000. The above completes the line of improvements that were mentioned in this paper some time ago.

Mr. C. B. Overman, of South Norfolk,

is visiting friends in Elizabeth City, N. C.

Mr. J. C. Foreman left for Elizabeth City, N. C., yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. West and children are visiting at Moyock, N. C.

A busy rush was on all day with the merchants yesterday, and the shoppers formed one continuous line, burdened with merchandise of various kinds.

Mr. W. T. Sears, who has been ill at Glenn Springs for some time, is expected home to-day.

Miss Jennie Humphries left yesterday to spend several days with relatives and friends at Moyock, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mansfield, accompanied by Miss Mary Etheredge, left yesterday for Northwest, N. C.

Miss Pauline Eason, of South Norfolk, left yesterday to visit Miss Lucy Wright, of Edenton, N. C.

Messrs. Harry and James Roane left yesterday to visit friends in King and Queen county and West Point.

The Berkley eleven and the Norfolk Tigers will play a match game of football on Hardy's field Christmas morning at 10 o'clock. The locals are preparing to give the visiting team a warm time on the old field.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fry will leave to-day to spend several days in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Randolph left yesterday for Moyock, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McCoy, of South Carolina, are here on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Colonna.

Miss Eliza Pierce has returned from Farmville, Va., where she attended the State Normal School.

Mr. Bernard Wood, of Washington, D. C., is in town visiting parents and friends.

Miss Hattie H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Etheredge, on Lee and Pine streets, has returned from the Virginia Penitentiary.

Mr. P. H. Sears, of Goldsboro, N. C., was in town yesterday visiting his sister, Miss Sears, on Berkley avenue.

Mr. S. B. Upton returned from Camden, N. C., yesterday accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Samuel Upton, of that place.

Mr. G. A. Kirkwood and Mr. M. U. Richardson returned from Salisbury, N. C., yesterday to spend the holidays.

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Fruit Cake for Xmas.

CABLER'S BAKERY, G. C. S. S. B.

70 Berkley Ave.

Mr. J. L. Heard, a friend, Mr. E. T. Conner, State University, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays.

The carrier boys of the Pilot will greet you with mas address Christmas and will call for their weekly Tuesday.

THE CHURCHES TO

Armstrong Memorial Church, Rev. W. A. Slayton

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special music has been provided for each of these services.

Main Street Christian Church, M. P. Porter, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Christianity—What Is It?" Evening subject, "Elements of Christian Life." Special music. A cordial welcome to all.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Robert Galloway, rector—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special music.

South Norfolk Baptist Church, Robinson, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special music.

Mr. H. Goodman, in the extends thanks for the large number giving him during the offering, which will close January 1st, 1900.

THE KING'S DAUGHTER

Through the generosity of the King's Daughters, who bled to send forty-six boxes, besides clothing, to needy

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